



February 2, 2015

To Whom It May Concern and Partners:

This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE How To Have A Firewise Home event to be held at the **Mill Creek Voting Community Center, 4403 Old Highway 11, Purvis, MS on Thursday, May 21, 2015**. This program is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wildland/urban interface ... that fringe area of our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wildland fire. Evaluations for similar field days in other states indicated that the participants found the information and exercises very beneficial.

As our Mississippi public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forests or wildlands, disastrous wildfires occur more and more frequently. We will likely continue to experience damaging wildfires in the wildland/urban interface until people begin to work together to solve basic community planning issues at the local level.

The How To Have A Firewise Home program is a one-half day event, bringing together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own home.

I have enclosed directions and a map to the program site at the Mill Creek Voting Community Center and a pre-registration form. **Please complete the pre-registration form and return by mail or fax to 601-268-2778 by May 4, 2015.** We believe that this program may have a significant impact on wildland protection in your area. If you cannot personally attend, please designate someone to represent you. There is no charge for your participation and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must for the noon meal head count.

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end at approximately 10:00 p.m.

We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you on **May 21, 2015**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact George Stevens at 601-270-7525 or Lenora Haynes at 601-307-6728.

The following CFE/CEU/CLE are given for this event: Registered Forester, 2 hours of Category II; Certified Loggers, 2 hours of Category II; Realtors, 3 hours Elective Real Estate Course, Approval Code 10181; Structural Firefighter, Certificate of Attendance, 2 hours. Credits are not available for teachers and professional disciplines.

Sincerely,

George Stevens
Fire Coordinator
Lamar County Fire Services

How to Have a FIREWISE Home

The Lamar County Fire Services in partnership with the Southeast MS Resource Conservation and Development Council is sponsoring the ***“How to Have a FIREWISE Home”*** program. The event will be held at the Mill Creek Voting Community Center, 4403 Old Highway 11, Purvis, MS **on** Thursday, May 21, 2015. The program is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wild-land/urban interface...areas in communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wild-land fire.

As the public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forest or wild-lands, disastrous wildfires occur more frequently, endangering and destroying homes and property. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wild-land fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own homes. The intent of the program is to bring together citizens, businesses and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wild-land/urban interface

The “How to Have a FIREWISE Home” program is a one-half day event. Dinner will be provided. Participants are asked to pre-register no later than May 4, 2015. Pre-registration is a must for the meal head count. To pre-register by phone you may contact George Stevens at 601-270-7525 or Lenora Haynes at 601-307-6728.

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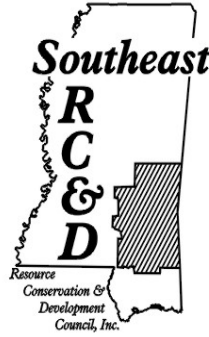


How to Have A Firewise Home Agenda

**Mill Creek Voting Community Center
4403 Old Highway 11
Purvis, MS 39475**

May 21, 2015

6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction
6:45 p.m.	Firewise in Mississippi
7:00 p.m.	Break
7:15 p.m.	Wildfire! Preventing Home Ignitions
7:35 p.m.	How to Have A Firewise Home
9:00 p.m.	Lunch
9:45 p.m.	Evaluations
10:00 p.m.	Adjourn



FAX or Mail PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Southeast Mississippi Resource Conservation and Development Council

Fax Number: 601-268-2778

6081 Hwy 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Contact Number: 601-307-6728

Due Date: May 4, 2015

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Lamar County Fire Services

Attn: George Stevens

196 Central Industrial Road, Purvis, MS 39475

Fax: 601-794-1049 Office: 601-270-7525

May 21, 2015

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Please select the category that most closely fits your occupation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire Department |
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